From the Dawson County Sheriff's Office on road closures and the detours:

The 49th annual Mountain Moonshine Festival Friday, October 21, 2016 through Sunday October 23, 2016

In anticipation of this event, the following detours will be in effect. Please note: these detours are different from previous years.

When traveling Highway 53 West from Highway 400 to Ellijay/Burt's Pumpkin Farm:

- Take Highway 53
- Turn right onto Perimeter Road
- Cross Highway 9 North
- Turn right on Shoal Creek Road
- Turn left on Highway 136 West

When traveling Highway 53 from Jasper/I-75 to Highway 400:

- Take Highway 53
- Turn right onto Highway 9 South
- Turn left on Perimeter Road
- Turn right onto Highway 53 East

When Traveling Highway 9 from Dahlonega to Highway 400/Cumming:

- Take Highway 9
- Turn left onto Perimeter Road
- Turn left on Highway 53 east bound to Georgia 400 south

When traveling Highway 9 from Cumming to Dahlonega:

- Take Highway 9
- Turn right onto Perimeter Road
- Cross Highway 53 East
- Turn right onto Highway 9 North

The following roads/streets are closed for the duration of the event:

- Bill Elliott Street
- Gober Sosebee Street
- Allen Street from Highway 53 to Memory Lane
- Academy Avenue from Highway 53 to Highway 9
- Academy Avenue from Highway 9 to Roy Hall Street
- Highway 9 North will be closed to through traffic from Perimeter Road/ Highway 53
- Highway 53 East will be closed to through traffic from Jack Heard Road to the Georgia 9 North intersection

Closure times begin at 5:00PM on Friday, October 21st and will end Sunday, October, 23rd at approximately 9:00PM.